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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

  
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PART I

BASIC CHRONOLOGY

JAN 01 - JAN 15 - Inport Philadelphia Naval Shipyard for Regular Overhaul  
JAN 15 - JAN 17 - Sea Trials  
JAN 17 - JAN 22 - Inport Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, completion of ROH  
JAN 22 - JAN 24 - Underway for Charleston, Change homeport to Mayport, FL  
JAN 24 - JAN 26 - Inport Charleston for Ammunition onload  
JAN 26 - JAN 28 - Underway for Mayport  
JAN 28 - FEB 05 - Inport Mayport  
FEB 05 - FEB 08 - Underway for Systems Qualification Trials  
FEB 08 - FEB 17 - Inport Mayport  
FEB 18 - FEB 21 - Underway for Systems Qualification Trials  
FEB 22 - FEB 26 - Inport Mayport  
FEB 26 - FEB 28 - Underway for Systems Qualification Trials  
MAR 01 - MAR 04 - Inport Mayport  
MAR 04 - MAR 06 - Underway for Systems Qualification Trials  
MAR 06 - MAR 10 - Inport Mayport  
MAR 10 - MAR 13 - Underway for Puerto Rico OP Areas for WSAT and NGFS  
MAR 13 - Inport Roosevelt Roads  
MAR 14 - Underway for missile firing exercise  
MAR 15 - MAR 18 - Inport Roosevelt Roads  
MAR 19 - MAR 23 - Underway for WSAT (ASROC and Torpedo Firings and Sonar Calibration) at St. Croix, V.I.  
MAR 24 - MAR 26 - Port Visit, St. Thomas, V.I.  
MAR 27 - MAR 29 - NGFS at Vieques Island  
MAR 28 - Change of Command Ceremony CDR J. A. NARCISCO relieved by CDR J. F. MCCARTON  
MAR 30 - Inport Roosevelt Roads  
MAR 31 - Underway for Guantanamo Bay Cuba (Refresher Training)  
APR 01 - Arrive Guantanamo Bay, Cuba  
APR 01 - APR 24 - Refresher Training at Guantanamo Bay  
APR 25 - Underway for Ocho Rios, Jamaica  
APR 26 - APR 27 - Port visit Ocho Rios  
APR 28 - Underway for Guantanamo Bay  
APR 28 - MAY 10 - Guantanamo Bay (REFTRA)  
MAY 11 - MAY 12 - Underway for Nassau, Bahamas  
MAY 13 - MAY 15 - Port Visit Nassau  
MAY 15 - MAY 16 - Underway for Mayport  
MAY 17 - JUL 09 - Inport Mayport  
JUN 02 - JUN 06 - INSURV  
JUL 07 - JUL 08 - NWAI  
JUL 09 - JUL 10 - Underway for Charleston  
JUL 10 - Inport Charleston for ammunition onload  
JUL 11 - JUL 14 - Inport Mayport  
JUL 14 - AUG 14 - Underway for READEX 2-80  
AUG 08 - AUG 10 - Port Visit, Nevis, W.I.  
AUG 11 - AUG 14 - Underway for Mayport  
AUG 15 - SEP 17 - Inport Mayport

SEP 17 - OCT 09 - Underway for COMPTUEX 5-80  
OCT 01 - OCT 03 - Port visit, St. Croix, V.I.  
OCT 10 - NOV 18 - Inport Mayport  
NOV 19 - Underway for extended Indian Ocean Deployment  
NOV 21 - Rendezvous with USS INDEPENDENCE and USS HARRY E. YARNELL  
NOV 29 - Cross Equator (Shellback initiation)  
DEC 07 - Turnover with USS EISENHOWER Battle Group  
DEC 19 - Arrive at Gonzo Station, Arabian Sea

## PART II

### BASIC NARRATIVE

During the first two weeks of 1980 USS CHARLES F. ADAMS completed a year long overhaul at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. Between the 15th and 17th of January sea trials were conducted in the Norfolk Operating Areas. The next time underway on 22 January was for good as the ship's homeport was shifted back to Mayport, Florida and she left Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and headed for Charleston SC for onload of ammunition. Following the onload, ADAMS continued south and arrived back in Mayport on January 28th, one year and 13 days after departing. During February, ADAMS spent the middle three days of each week underway completing Systems Qualification Trials.

March 10th saw ADAMS underway for a two month cruise first to the Puerto Rico OpAreas to begin Weapons Systems Acceptance Trials (WSAT) and Naval Gunfire Support (NGFS). On March 14th, ADAMS fired three Tartar missiles at drone aircraft, with hits evaluated on all three. March 19th through the 23rd saw ADAMS involved in WSAT, firing two ASROC's and two torpedoes and calibrating all ship sensors.

Following port visits to St. Croix and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, ADAMS began NGFS at Vieques Island on 27 March. At this time ADAMS also participated in a CNO project to evaluate her new MK 68 MOD 16 Gunfire Control System by firing over 500 rounds of 5" ammunition.

On the 28th of March ADAMS held a change of command ceremony. Commander John A. Narciso was relieved by Commander Joseph F. McCarton.

ADAMS arrived in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on April 1st to begin Refresher Training. The crew learned or relearned shipboard evolutions including Damage Control, Weapons employment, shiphandling and engineering procedures during six intensive weeks of training. The crew received one break in training and spent the weekend of 25 April in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. With her second wind, ADAMS then rolled through the remainder of REFTRA leaving Cuba on May 11th and on time. A three day visit in Nassau, Bahamas preceded the long-awaited homecoming to Mayport on 17 May.

The next two months were spent in Mayport conducting a TAV with USS PIEDMONT. The Navy's Sub-board of Inspection and Survey visited Adams from the 2nd through the 6th of June and found her in satisfactory condition for continued service. Next on the agenda was the Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection on 7/8 July.

After successfully passing NWAI, ADAMS headed to Charleston, SC for two days of Ammunition onloading and then returned to Mayport for four days.

July 14th saw ADAMS leaving Mayport and heading south to participate in READEX 2-80, an Atlantic Fleet exercise in the Puerto Rican OpAreas during which 2 tartar missiles, 1 ASROC, 2 Torpedoes and many rounds of 5" ammunition were expended. After three weeks underway, ADAMS pulled into the tiny island of Nevis, West Indies for the first visit by a U.S. Navy warship to that island in over 20 years. ADAMS returned home from READEX 2-80 on the 14th of August.

CHARLES F. ADAMS remained in her homeport for a month conducting a TAV with USS YOSEMITE.

ADAMS left Mayport once again on September 17th to participate in COMPTUEX 5-80 a workup exercise for the units that would deploy together in November. A three day port visit to St. Croix at the beginning of October provided a brief respite and ADAMS returned to Mayport on 9 October.

CHARLES F. ADAMS remained in Mayport conducting pre-overseas movement preparations until 19 November.

On 19 November ADAMS left Mayport for her first major deployment in two years. On the 21st ADAMS rendezvoused with USS INDEPENDENCE, USS HARRY E. YARNELL and USS SAVANNAH for the transit around Africa and then north into the Indian Ocean.

November 29th found ADAMS crossing the Equator with King Neptune on hand to initiate 270 new shellbacks.

While rounding the Cape of Good Hope on December 8th, ADAMS, INDEPENDENCE, and YARNELL conducted turnover operations with USS SOUTH CAROLINA, USS EISENHOWER, and USS VIRGINIA respectively and became Task Group 70.9, part of the U.S. SEVENTH Fleet. ADAMS then continued her transit north into the Indian Ocean and arrived on Gonzo Station just south of the Sea of Oman on 19 December after steaming 12,000 miles.

Several days of intensive ASW operations immediately followed. The Christmas holidays were spent on Gonzo Station. Christmas cheer was provided by a visit from a USO sponsored entertainment group and religious support by a visit from RADM TROWER, the Chief of the Chaplain Corps.

ADAMS closed out calendar year 1980 on station in the Arabian Sea in support of Indian Ocean Contingency Operations.

ANNEX H

ROSTER OF OFFICERS ASSIGNED FOR CALENDER YEAR 1980

NARCISO, J. A./COMMANDER/COMMANDING OFFICER/JAN - MAR  
MCCARTON, J. F./CAPTAIN/COMMANDING OFFICER/APR - DEC  
WASOWSKI, W. M./LIEUTENANT COMMANDER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/JAN - APR  
HAWKINS, R. B./LIEUTENANT COMMANDER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MAY - DEC  
HUGHES, T. F./LIEUTENANT COMMANDER/WEAPONS OFFICER/JAN - DEC  
HARTRICK, T. F./LIEUTENANT/OPERATIONS OFFICER/JAN - SEP  
CARMICHAEL, S. J./LIEUTENANT COMMANDER/OPERATIONS OFFICER/OCT - DEC  
VERVOORN, R. W./LIEUTENANT/ENGINEER OFFICER/JAN - OCT  
KOREJWO, A. H./LIEUTENANT/ENGINEER OFFICER/OCT - DEC  
BOND, A. S./LIEUTENANT SC/SUPPLY OFFICER/JAN - SEP  
PERRY, W. H./LIEUTENANT SC/SUPPLY OFFICER/SEP - DEC  
ROBERTSON, R. N./LIEUTENANT/FIRE CONTROL OFFICER/JAN - DEC  
GILBERT, J. R./LIEUTENANT (JG)/ASW OFFICER/JAN - OCT  
BEATTY, T. A./LIEUTENANT (JG)/ASW OFFICER/JAN - DEC  
TRICE, R. E./LIEUTENANT (JG)/NAVIGATOR/JAN - DEC  
TILMAN, R./LIEUTENANT (JG)/MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT/JAN-DEC  
ERICSON, J. F./LIEUTENANT (JG)/B-DIVISION OFFICER/JAN - DEC  
ALLEN, C. J./LIEUTENANT (JG)/ASSISTANT MPA/JAN - DEC  
REILLY, D. R./LIEUTENANT (JG) SC/DISBURSING OFFICER/JAN - JUL  
BARR, B. C./LIEUTENANT (JG) SC/DISBURSING OFFICER/JUL - DEC  
PANASITI, R. S./ENSIGN/COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER/JAN - DEC  
FLOOD, J. J./ENSIGN/GUNNERY ASSISTANT/JAN - DEC  
BOSCO, R./ENSIGN/CIC OFFICER/JAN - DEC  
GAUSE, R./ENSIGN/FIRST LIEUTENANT/JAN - DEC  
ROSENBERG, M./ENSIGN/DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT/MAY - DEC  
SPRYS, J. M./CWO3/EMMO AND AUXILIARIES OFFICER/JAN - DEC  
HERRICK, R. G./CWO2/ELECTRONICS MATERIAL OFFICER/JAN - DEC